

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
February 13th, 2017

### MINUTES

St. John's Properties  
1800 N. Prospect Ave  
1:00 PM

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00pm

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

Deb Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Tom Jacobs, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle, and Kathy Zalewski,.

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Sue Pickering, and Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki,

Staff: Mike Bonk, Tim Ochnikowski (via Skype)

Guests: Tracy Harrington (MCTS), Chris Fox (MCTS), Nancy Pickett (MCFI), Anne Kearney (constituent)

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January)

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

##### A. Ashlee Nalls, 2016 Eric Hobbs Award Winner

James and Ashlee described how Ashlee came up with the artwork. The heart design came from a personal story on how Ashlee has overcome Open heart surgery. Ashlee has always been a fighter, and continued to fight back from open heart surgery. Ashlee used a technique with a blow dryer to melt the crayons. The Commission is hoping to promote Ashley's good work and notify the local newspaper.

##### B. MCFI Presentation (Nancy Pickett)

Nancy – Life Services 20<sup>th</sup> and Wells street as well as Howell Ave provide the Life Services. Serve 312 individuals for 18 and up. City Life - Programs for seniors, that are community based programming as well as center based programming. 70% of participants are out in the community. Medical Support Services – My Life focuses on fragile individuals, and help get individuals stabilized. Ratios are 1 to 2. Evening and Weekend Program 14 and up, similar services will be provided for ages 8 to 14 this summer. Express Life 32 programs each quarter for community outings. MCFI also provides Summer Camps, Overnight and Day Camps at Blue Lotus in Cedarburg. Adventures for Life Travels – 8 Trips per year. MCFI accepts both private pay as well as Medicaid

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Chris Fox made a presentation on a new securement system. Quantum can secure someone in 20 to 30 seconds opposed to 2 to 3 minutes for current ADA boarding's  
January 5217 ADA boarding's up 12% this year

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

##### A. Recreation Update(s)

Mike Bonk provided the Recreational update. Mike reported although there was no snow, the Snowmobile Festival still had good attendance, and was well received by the participants. The Wil-O-Way Key Card program is off to a good start and has over 100 registered, which offers discounted tickets to local sporting events such as the Milwaukee Admirals, Bucks, Brewers, & Wave. Summer Camp books and registrations were sent out. Wil-O-Way Grant will host a total of 10 weeks of Summer Camp (1 week Adult Camp, 6 week Youth Summer Camp, 3 weeks of extended Summer Camp). Wil-O-Way Underwood will offer 6 weeks of Summer Camp this year. Spring Recreation have resumed as well.



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**B. Chairpersons Report**

Tosa will install an inclusive bike station at Hart Park. City has proposed using Zagster instead of Bublr Bikes for this bike station.

**ITEM IX          OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Staff will reach out to contact Betty Brinn, Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald, to discuss receiving Ashlee Nalls, award winning artwork.

**ITEM X          OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC****ITEM XI          ADJOURN**

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 13th, 2017 at 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission